

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 3, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Greg Tatum, Minister at First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers – Absent – Jesse Brand, Jim Lienhoop, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: George Dutro moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of December 13, 2005 with the correction that Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting on that date instead of Ann DeVore. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
 - E. Election of President Pro Tem. George Dutro made a motion to re-elect Martha Myers as President Pro Tem of the Columbus City Council. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1854.” Chuck Wilt, Director of the Parks Department, presented this second reading. Clerk Treasurer, Brenda Sullivan, indicated this Ordinance had been changed in name to the Park Capital Non-Reverting Fund and was given the fund number 203. Ann DeVore made a motion to pass the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2006, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Georg Utz, Inc.) Judy Jackson, Director of Community Development, and Ray Brooks, Manager for Georg Utz, Inc. presented this Resolution. Judy Jackson indicated Georg Utz, Inc. was requesting tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities and purchase new manufacturing equipment with an estimated cost of \$325,000. As a result of this expansion, Georg Utz, Inc. will retain 12 current full-time employees and hire an additional 8 full-time employees. Ray Brooks spoke about the success of Georg Utz, Inc. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Georg Utz, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING A RE-ZONING WRITTEN COMMITMENT MADE CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FOR A PROPERTY ZONED “SU-3” (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES).” (PAAL) Jeff Bergman, Director of Planning, presented this Ordinance. Jeff Bergman reported the Columbus Police Athletic Activities League and the Columbus Parks & Recreation Department were requesting the modification of a re-zoning written commitment established by Ordinance No.: 11, 2002 which re-zoned the property. The current commitment states that “*the owners shall be required to connect to city sewer and water facilities when restrooms are constructed.*” PAAL and the Parks Department are requesting that this commitment be deleted and replaced with the commitment that “***all restroom facilities shall be connected to the city sewer utility at the time such service is made available to the property***”. Jeff indicated the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the application and gave it a favorable recommendation. No member of the public spoke for or against the request. Jeff Bergman stated that City Utilities were not available at this time. Ed Curtain, representing the Parks Department spoke of the septic system options. Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled ‘ORDINANCE No. _____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I-3” (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO “B-5C” (GENERAL BUSINESS WITH CONDITIONS).’ (Clinton E. Mann) Jeff Bergman presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Jeff indicated the owner of the property, Clinton E. Mann, wished to re-zone the property located at the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and 10th Street from I-3 to B-5. Jeff indicated the Columbus Plan Commission had given this application a favorable recommendation and no public spoke in opposition. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2006, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (Police Dept.) Bill Martin, Police Chief, presented this Resolution. He asked the Council to approve the purchase of eleven (11) police cars that were “B” priority items to “A” priority items appropriated in Fund Number 402 Cum Cap Fund. Clerk Treasurer, Brenda Sullivan, indicated there was sufficient money in the fund for the police cars but that there would not be another significant amount of cash deposited into that fund until May, 2006 when a pre-draw of property tax levy would be requested. It was requested that Bill Martin check with the Clerk Treasurer to make sure adequate funds were available before ordering the vehicles. Martha Myers made a motion to pass the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (Parks) Chuck Wilt presented this Resolution. He asked that all items in Fund Number 244 Debt Fund be made “A” priority. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle made a motion to pass the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting is January 17, 2006.
- C. Adjournment –Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer